Sl.No.	Name of the State	Districts identified
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam, Guntur, Nellore, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Ananthapur, Kurnool, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Rangareddy and Warangal
2.	Karnataka	Belgaum, Hassan, Chitradurga, Chikmaglur, Kodagu and Shimoga
3.	Kerala	Wayanad, Palakkad and Kasaragod
4.	Maharashtra	Akola, Wardha, Amravati, Buldana, Wasim and Yavatmal.

Increasing temperature—a great risk for food security

†1186. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that change in weather, particularly continuous increasing temperature has turned out to be a great risk for the food security of the country particularly production of wheat;

(b) the steps Government is taking to produce seeds to meet this situation in coming times; and

(c) whether Government made any assessment of the effectiveness of GM seeds in tackling the situation of change in weather?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The increasing temperature particularly in the months of February and March could affect the wheat production and risk the food security of the country.

(b) The Government is contemplating to develop crops for better adaptability to changes in weather such as increasing temperature by conventional and biotechnological techniques.

(c) No GM seeds in any crop have been produced so far to tackle the situation of change in weather.

Investment in agriculture sector by private sector

†1187. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private sector is considering to invest in the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this will help in removing the problems of agriculture sector and improve the quality of agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) As per the data compiled by Central Statistical Organization, the private sector investment measured in terms of Gross Capital Formation (GCF) (at constant

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